

beauty. New York to Detroit fare one way \$13.75, round trip \$18.35. The June schedule will have trains leaving 7.50 and 10.00 a. m., 12 m., 5.40 and 8 p. m. Should there be a sufficient number to warrant it, a special Pullman sleeping car will be provided. Members might purchase going tickets reading Lehigh Valley, West Shore or Hudson River as far as Buffalo, there take the Detroit and Buffalo Steamer, single fare to Buffalo not including Pullman is about \$9.25.

Further information or estimates will be sent any member on application.

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### AN INVITATION

THE nurses of Michigan extend a cordial invitation to all graduate nurses to attend the ninth annual convention, of the Nurses' Associated Alumnae of the United States, which is to be held in Detroit, Michigan, June 5, 6, and 7, 1906.

The program is of unusual interest, and the meetings have always been an inspiration to those who have attended them.

It is hoped that the attendance may be the largest in the history of the organization. The cause of state registration in Michigan would be greatly helped, by the show of enthusiasm on the part of graduate nurses.

Information as to railroad rates, hotels, etc., may be obtained from the chairman of the arrangements committee, Mrs. L. E. Gretter, Harper Hospital, Detroit, Michigan.

ROSE SMITH,  
Secretary Wayne County Graduate Nurses' Association.

### STATE MEETINGS

PENNSYLVANIA.—The Graduate Nurses Association of the State of Pennsylvania met at Altoona on April 18th and 19th. The first meeting at 2.30 p. m. was held in the Opera House. Owing to the illness of the president, Miss Whitaker, the first vice president, Miss Weir, of the South Side Hospital, Pittsburgh, presided.

### PROGRAMME

Meeting called to order—Miss Weir; Prayer—Rev. H. H. Stiles, Altoona; Address of Welcome—Hon. S. H. Walker, Altoona; Music—Mr. H. J. Taylor, Altoona; Address—Rev. Father M. M. Sheedy, Altoona; Music, Miss Lafferty; "Why should Nurses join their Alumnae," Miss Giles, Pittsburgh; Address to Nurses, Dr. F. H. Bloomhart, Altoona; Address, "Legislation," Hon. J. Lee Plummer, Holidaysburg; Address, Dr. W. S. Ross, Altoona; Music, Miss Lafferty; "The A. B. C. of Registration," read by Miss Greaney, Philadelphia.

At the end of the programme Miss Weir in a graceful little speech thanked the speakers of the day, those who had rendered musical numbers, and others who had welcomed us to the Mountain City. She then read an invitation to a reception to be given on Wednesday evening at the new and beautiful nurses' home—also to a tea to be given on Thursday afternoon. These entertainments were given by the Board of Managers and Women's Auxiliary of the Hospital.

The executive sessions were held on Thursday. The second meeting opened at 10.30 a. m. and were entirely taken up with the reading of reports and the admission of 75 applicants to membership.

The third and final session opened at 2.30 p. m. The two most interesting topics under discussion were on the editorial in the April number of *The American Journal of Nursing* on "Skilled Nursing Care for the Great Middle Class." Each member present was made a committee of one to agitate the subject in their own neighborhood. The second topic was the menacing aspect of the short course and correspondence schools of nursing.

The annual meeting of the Association will be held at Philadelphia, Pa., on October 17, 18 and 19.

MAUDE W. MILLER,  
Assistant Secretary.

INDIANA.—The third Semi-Annual Convention of the Indiana State Nurses' Association was held in the Presbyterian Church, Lafayette, March 28 and 29. The convention was very largely attended and was the most successful from all points of view, ever held in Indiana. Lafayette extended a very warm welcome to the Association and manifested her hospitality right royally.

One of the most important topics under discussion was the advisability of establishing some distinguishing mark of the registered Nurse. It was thought that possibly a copyright might be secured on some material designed and manufactured for the Indiana State Nurses. As all Nurses must, of necessity, wear washable dresses, the registered Nurse could secure this material for her dresses—the style of the garment, aprons, caps, collars, cuffs, kerchiefs, etc., being left entirely to the option of the wearer. This discussion resulted in the passage of a resolution for the appointment of a Committee to report at a future session. The Committee having this in charge is Miss L. Weaver, Fort Wayne; Miss M. Sellar, Lafayette, Ind.; Miss Edna Humphrey, Crawfordsville, Ind.

Papers on the following subjects were read at different times during the convention:

"The Opportunity of the Nurse in Private Duty," by Miss Cora Birdsell, South Bend, Ind.; "State Registration," by Miss L. M. Cox, of Elizabethtown, Ind.; "The Pioneer Nurse," by Miss Minnie E. Moore, Lafayette, Ind.; "Ethical Nursing," by Miss D. Elva Mills, of the Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, Ill.

These papers were very interesting and full of good points and brought forth some good wholesome discussion.

Miss Mary B. Sellars of the Home Hospital, Lafayette, Ind., was elected delegate to the National Convention at Detroit, Mich., in June.

The Board of Examiners presented a very interesting report. The fact that six hundred nurses had registered in Indiana came as a great surprise for very few people realized that there were that many trained nurses in the State. The registration fees have been ample to cover all expenses and have made it possible to support an Inspector of Training Schools.

Early in the State organization, it was thought advisable to adopt only such by-laws as were of immediate necessity, but feeling the time has now arrived when we realize what the Association working needs are, the By-law Committee presented a rough draft of proposed by-laws. These were discussed and many suggestions given to the Committee that they may present them ready for adoption at the Annual Convention which meets in Indianapolis during the State Fair week. One of the suggestions was that a new Committee be appointed, having for its object, "The Prevention of Tuberculosis."

A resolution was made that the Association request the Arrangement Committee of the National Alumnae Association to arrange for an hour, apart from the regular session of the Convention, for a State Conference that those, especially interested in State organization, may meet for mutual aid in effecting standard laws, etc., of the various States, thus obtaining a greater National uniformity.

M. F. GRANT, Secretary.

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MICHIGAN.--The Michigan State Nurses Association, which held its second annual meeting in Sarah Caswell Angell Hall, Ann Arbor, April 4, 5 and 6, was very largely attended by members throughout the State. The president, Miss Sarah E. Sly, occupied the chair.

Rev. Carl S. Patton, of the First Congregational Church, Ann Arbor, delivered the invocation.

President Angell, of the University of Michigan, gave the address of welcome, in which he recalled the days of his boyhood when the idea of a trained nurse was unheard of, and in conclusion paid the following beautiful tribute to the nurses and their profession: "We often speak of the bravery of soldiers going into battle amidst the shouts of their comrades, and the blare of martial music, but the duty that is quietly performed by the trained nurse in her unpretentious manner is a bravery and a service nobler than that performed by the soldier."

The address of welcome was suitably responded to by Miss Nellie B. Hall, of Grand Rapids.

The afternoon of the first day was largely given up to reports of various committees, and an address by the president, Miss Sarah E. Sly, of Birmingham, who emphasized the necessity for state registration and earnestly solicited the hearty cooperation of every graduate nurse in securing the passage of the proposed bill which will be presented to the Legislature this coming winter.

Dr. Beverly Drake Harrison, of Detroit, secretary of the State Board of Medical Registration, gave an address on "State Registration for Nurses," and heartily endorsed the movement to secure the passage of such a law.

Miss Sophia F. Palmer, editor-in-chief of the *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING*, was an honored guest for two days and gave an earnest, impressive talk on "How to Pass the Bill."

Miss Palmer was the first woman in this country to put a working plan on paper for the registration of nurses, the outline of which has been the basis of the work since.

From a broad and intelligent standpoint Miss Palmer detailed the advantages other states and countries had derived from the passage of such an act, and the practical suggestions given regarding the bill and the means to secure its adoption will be invaluable to the association.

Needless to say, Miss Palmer's presence was an inspiration to all, and it was gratifying to know that she considered the proposed bill one of high standard.

Miss E. L. Parker and Miss J. M. Lennox, of Lansing, led in the discussion.

Mrs. Caroline Bartlett Crane, of Kalamazoo, another honored guest, gave an address on "A Neglected Field of Nursing. The County Almshouse," which met with a sympathetic cordial response and cooperation.

Discussion was led by Mrs. L. E. Gretter, of Detroit, and Miss A. M. Coleman, of Saginaw.

Dr. Victor C. Vaughan, of Ann Arbor, dean of the department of Medicine

and Surgery, gave a clear and concise talk on "Tuberculosis," and the best methods of prevention and cure.

Discussion was led by Mrs. L. J. Lupinski, of Grand Rapids, and Miss Violet Benner, of Saginaw.

Upon vote of the association, the time for the fulfillment of the pledge which was made at the last annual meeting of \$3 per member towards a fund for the endowment of a chair in Hospital Economics at Columbia University, has been extended one year or until the next annual meeting. This will enable Alumnae associations and others who have not contributed an opportunity to assist in raising the desired sum.

A communication is to be sent to the nearby states asking for their hearty co-operation with Michigan in the furtherance of this movement.

Mrs. L. E. Gretter, of Detroit, chairman of the arrangement committee of the Nurses Associated Alumnae, announced that the meeting would be held in Detroit June 5, 6 and 7. A very earnest appeal was made to secure not only a large attendance from Michigan, but from the middle and western states also, thereby bringing about, if possible, an overflow meeting.

Blue, white and yellow were adopted as the colors of the State Association and all members were requested to wear this badge at the meeting in Detroit.

It is hoped that other states will wear their national colors on this occasion.

The association will soon become affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Great credit is due the graduate nurses and citizens of Ann Arbor for the cordial hospitality extended to the members of the association and their honored guests.

The social functions included a "Faculty Recital," under the leadership of Prof. Stanley, given in Frieze Memorial Hall, complimentary to the nurses and their friends. Also a luncheon and reception in Barbour Gymnasium by the graduate nurses of Ann Arbor for the members of the association and their honored guests, Miss S. F. Palmer, Rochester, N. Y., and Mrs. Caroline Bartlett Crane, of Kalamazoo.

Miss Mary C. Haarer, Miss Fantine Pemberton, and Miss Bertha Knapp, graduate nurses of the University Hospital, gave a luncheon at Mack's tea room for the president and other officers. The guests of honor on this occasion were Miss S. F. Palmer, Rochester, N. Y., and Mrs. Emma Fox, of Detroit.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Miss Sarah E. Sly, Birmingham; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. L. E. Gretter, Detroit; 2nd Vice-President, Miss E. L. Parker, Lansing; Recording Secretary, Miss A. G. Deans, Detroit; Corresponding Secretary, Miss K. M. Gifford, Grand Rapids; Treasurer, Miss A. M. Coleman, Saginaw. Committees: Ways and Means, Miss J. M. Lennox, Lansing; Nominating, Miss L. J. Lupinski, Grand Rapids; Credentials, Miss I. M. Barrett, Grand Rapids; Printing, Miss L. B. Durkee, Detroit; Arrangements, Mrs. M. S. Foy, Battle Creek.

The meeting adjourned to meet in Battle Creek next spring.

Respectfully submitted.

K. M. GIFFORD, Corresponding Secretary.

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## THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF VISITING NURSES

THE visiting nurses of the state of Connecticut held their second meeting in New Britain, March 28. Those present at the meeting were Miss Wilkinson and Miss